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Board to Discuss Priorities for 2003-05 at July 9 Meeting

Wednesday, July 9, 9 a.m.–4:15 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 170 S Oak, Colville

The State Board of Health meets Wednesday, July 9 in Colville. The Board expects to adopt a work plan for the 2003-05 biennium.

There will be two rule adoption items before the board. One is a public hearing on whether to split the on-site sewage rule into separate chapters for large and small systems. The hearing will be followed by possible board action. The Board is also expected to vote on a minor technical change to a rule governing the emergency powers and duties of local health officers. The rule change has been proposed using the “expedited rule making” process and does not require a hearing.

The board will also decide whether to endorse an interagency report on a pilot project that tested the feasibility of requiring well-child exams for children entering kindergarten. The report does not recommend implementing a requirement at this time.

Other items on the Board’s agenda include: a discussion of health-related cuts in the state operating budget; an update on school environmental health; and a review of a draft report on state boards of health in other states.

Copies of the agenda and related materials are available by contacting the Board of Health at (360) 236-4110 or by visiting the Board’s Web site at www.doh.wa.gov/sboh/.

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